

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2945
of Qwest Corporation of Denver,)
Colorado, seeking approval of an)
amendment to a wireline inter-) GRANTED
connection agreement with Cox)
Nebraska Telecom, Inc. of)
Atlanta, Georgia.) Entered: June 17, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On May 7, 2003, an application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an amendment to a wireline interconnection agreement with Cox Nebraska Telecom, Inc. (Cox) of Atlanta, Georgia. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 9, 2003. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Cox entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on November 8, 1997, in Application No. C-1473. In the current application, Qwest and Cox seek to amend the original agreement by replacing Reciprocal Traffic Sections 5.5.2.2 through 5.5.2.2.1.1 of the agreement with Reciprocal Compensation language as set forth in the amendment.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 252(e) of the Act requires this Commission to review negotiated interconnection agreements to ensure they comply with Sections 251 and 252(d) of the Act, as well as all applicable state laws. Using those standards, the amendment filed May 7, 2003, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and Cox Nebraska Telecom, Inc., be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendment filed herein be, and it is hereby, made the official copy on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of June, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director